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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

MACSTEEL INTERNATIONAL,
INC., et al.

CIVIL NO. 98-1746 (JAG)

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED ARAB SHIPPING, et al.

Defendants

TRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

The Court issues this Trial Scheduling Order to lay out and achieve a just, speedy and inexpensive conclusion of this action. The Court expects that counsel will be mindful that, as officers of the Court, they are duty-bound to conduct themselves with utmost civility and professionalism to each other and the Court; and to faithfully adhere to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Local Rules. Accordingly, the parties will file a Pre-Trial Order by **JUNE 10, 2002**. It shall include all of the disclosures required by amended Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(3). The parties shall file a courtesy copy with the Court. This Order is **essential** for fruitful settlement efforts, as well as for trial preparation. Therefore, the Court will grant **no** extensions to

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this deadline.

Furthermore, Pre-Trial and Settlement Conference is hereby set for JULY 17, 2002 at 4:00 PM. Counsel must meet at least three (3) days prior to the date of the Pre-Trial and Settlement Conference to discuss the contents of the Pre-Trial Order and the possibility of settlement. If settlement is not possible, the parties will cover during their meeting the designation and marking of exhibits and depositions, and, if necessary, the proposed voir dire and jury instructions. The Pre-Trial Order may be modified only by the Court, in order to prevent manifest injustice.

The Pre-Trial Order must conform to the requirements set forth in Local Rule 314(3). In addition to the requirements set forth in Local Rule 314(3), the Pretrial Order must contain: (1) a statement detailing the reason and the amount claimed for special damages if any. Any party that disagrees with the proposed statement of special damages must specifically state the basis for its opposition. Any special damages not detailed in the Joint Pretrial Order shall be deemed waived. (2) a certification in which all counsel must attest that they "explored the possibility of settling this case fully." The

inclusion of this statement must reflect a true and honest effort to settle the case.

The Court will explore settlement prospects at the Pre-Trial and Settlement Conference, because it believes that extrajudicial resolution of disputes is the most efficient and effective way to end litigation. To that end, **counsel must have their clients available by telephone or in person for immediate consultation during the Pre-Trial and Settlement Conference.**

All motions in limine must be filed **at least five (5) days prior to the Pre-Trial and Settlement Conference.** Any such motions filed after that date will be untimely and will not be considered by the Court.

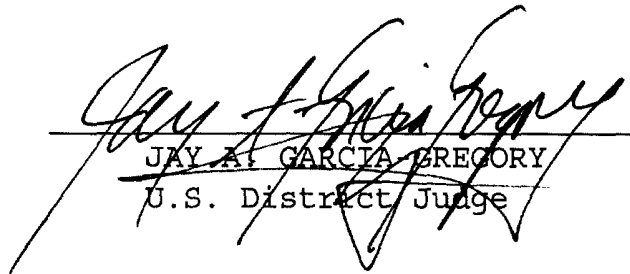
Finally, Trial in this matter shall be held on **AUGUST 19, 2002 at 9:30 AM.** All evidence to be presented at trial shall be marked according to the procedure described in the attached Notice. Failure to comply with this procedure shall result in the imposition of sanctions, including the exclusion of the exhibit or identification at trial. Objected documentary or real evidence will be marked as documents for identification. All exhibits must be officially translated into English before they are marked. This includes any deposition transcripts or parts

thereof that will be used at trial whether as evidence or for impeachment purposes. The Court will strictly enforce this translation requirement and will not admit any exhibit not in English language. In this respect, the parties are forewarned that this process cannot be pro forma. If at trial the presiding judge becomes aware of the fact that the parties did not engage in a meaningful marking of exhibits' process in light of the Federal Rules of Evidence, appropriate sanctions will be taken against counsel. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 1 and 20 U.S.C. § 1927.

An alphabetized list of technical words, terms, and unusual names that could be used during the trial should be filed in triplicate at least one week before the start of trial. To the extent possible, all technical words and phrases should be listed in both Spanish and English.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 23rd day of April, 2002.



JAY A. GARCIA-GREGORY
U.S. District Judge

NOTICE TO ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD

You are instructed to hold a meeting among yourselves to mark the exhibits and prepare an exhibit list.

Attached you will find an example of the exhibit list form. You must deliver your exhibits and identifications, along with the **typed** list, to me at least two weeks before the date of the trial. **Each party is to prepare its own separate list.** If there are any joint exhibits, a separate list for them is also to be prepared. The exhibits for the plaintiff(s) are to be marked with numbers, those for the defendant(s) with letters, and the joint exhibits with Roman numerals.

In filling out the forms, leave the boxes for the dates empty. I will fill them in on the first day of trial. In the "marked" box you are to indicate "E" for exhibit or "ID" for identification. If and when the Court admits an identification, and it becomes an exhibit, I will indicate in the "Admitted" box the appropriate date. Provide a short description of the exhibit. You do not have to identify the witness that you will use to present it.

If you have any questions on how to fill in the forms, please call me at 787-772-3048.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

LILY ALICEA
Courtroom Deputy Clerk

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EXHIBIT LIST

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PRESIDING JUDGE JAY A. GARCIA GREGORY			PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY		DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY
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EXHIBIT LIST - CONTINUATION

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